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THE FOLLOWING WAS RECEIVED FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVE IN BUENOS AIRES: ON FEBRUARY 9, 1976 ARGENTINE ARMY LT. COL. VALLADARES, DEPUTY TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY MILITARY INSTITUTES COMMAND AT CAMPO DE MAYO, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, ADVISED THAT THE ARGENTINE ARMY HAD DEFINITELY RESOLVED THAT A MILITARY COUP D'ETAT TO REMOVE ARGENTINE PRESIDENT PERON IS NECESSARY AND INEVITABLE AND THAT THE ARGENTINE ARMY IS ONLY WAITING FOR THE OPPORTUNE MOMENT TO LAUNCH THE COUP DE D'ETAT WHICH WILL BE COORDINATED WITH THE ARGENTINE NAVY AND AIR FORCE. COL. VALLADARES NOTED THAT SENIOR ARGENTINE ARMY GENERALS FEEL THAT THE DISASTROUS STATE OF THE ARGENTINE ECONOMY, INFLATION, WIDESPREAD ACKNOWLEDGED CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION, TERRORISM AND THE INCUMBENT CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT'S DEMONSTRATED INABILITY TO COPE WITH THESE PROBLEMS, LEAVE THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES WITH NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO STAGE A COUP D'ETAT. COL. VALLADARES ADVISED THAT SENIOR ARGENTINE (S)

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ARMY GENERALS BELIEVE THAT A COUP D'ETAT WOULD NOT BE OPPOSED BY THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE WHO IN FACT WOULD WELCOME ARMED FORCES INTERVENTION IN ORDER TO END THE INACTION AND BUNGLING OF THE INCUMBENT CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT. COL. VALLADARES ADVISED THAT NO DEFINITE TIME FRAME HAD YET BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE COUP D'ETAT BUT VOICED HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT IT COULD OCCUR AT ANY TIME DURING THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, DEPENDING ON THE PROGRESSION OF EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. (S)

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